

AMEDD TECHNOLOGY WORKING GROUP (ATWG)

Meeting Minutes

20 January 2000

1. A meeting of the AMEDD Technology Working Group (ATWG) was called to order at 0815 hours, 20 January 2000 by COL Nolan, Chairman in Room 2407, Willis Hall, Army Medical Department Center and School (AMEDDC&S), Fort Sam Houston, Texas.
2. The attendance roster is at Enclosure 1. It was pointed out that Mr. Howell had not been voted into membership. A quorum was noted to present. It was agreed that the MPMC positions Director of Development and Acquisition and Director of Material would be added to membership. (See slide six of the Charter Discussion (TAB B) which documents the membership of the ATWG).
3. Opening comments: The minutes of the past meeting were discussed. All participant had not yet received the final copy of the minutes. It was agreed to allow participants to register concurrence or non-concurrence with the minutes via E-mail. A question was asked concerning the migration of ATWG information on the KMN. It was noted that the KMN had been zeroed out in the 00 budget and may not be there by mid February. There is a 02 – 07 UFR in the POM but this is not funded in 00 and 01. It was agreed that future minutes would be place in a public folder using Microsoft Outlook. This posting will include all presentations. The following issues were noted:
 - access to Microsoft outlook
 - protocol for posting and processing of info
 - gatekeeper/maintainer/archiverCOL Hassell will work this with USAMISSA.
4. The following topics were presented:

A. Charter Review (COL Hassell)

- 1) Summary: This review is desirable since the TI GOSC has evolved. It was noted that the charter has been revised once previously. This presentation is at TAB B. Some discussion occurred that the purpose should be more specific (tech insertion operations vice tech watch). Consensus reached was to leave the purpose statement as is, broad. Concerning the membership slide, it was noted that Mr. Ken Kaplan is no longer a consultant to the TI GOSC. A recommendation to add the DSG to TI GOSC membership was made. There was discussion of making the committee a two-star committee. Discussion covered the observation that adding the DSG moves the body more to a decision making body. Noted that DSG calendar would make this significantly more difficult meeting to schedule. CHPPM non-membership was reviewed and accepted. A question was asked if this body had ever made

a recommendation to the TSG. It was noted that the DSG has been invited to and will attend the next TI GOSC. Consensus was reached that in the spirit of the broad responsibility of the TI GOSC, the DSG should become a member.

- 2) Issues: While the purpose of the TI GOSC was not changed, numerous changes were recommended concerning what TI GOSC membership and ATWG membership. These changes are noted on the briefing slides at enclosure 2.
- 3) Action: COL Hassell will make all approved and recommended changes to the charter for presentation to the TI GOSC.

B. Joint CFX (COL Garrett)

- 1) Summary: This was a follow-on briefing concerning the JCFX. The AMEDD objective was noted: "Examine efficiency gained through emerging concepts and technology in joint medical regulating. " The PIC will be demonstrated in San Antonio. It was noted that the software to be demonstrated, both in the FX and in San Antonio, is "throw-away" software. It was also noted that the PIC is rated amber.
- 2) Issue: Bring LCDR Tillery, J-4 MRD staff officer (TMIP functional proponent) into this process.
- 3) Actions: COL Deffer will make the J-4 connection with LCDR Tillery.

C. DoD Medical Healthcare System – Information Management (COL Chiang)

- 1) Summary: Slides for this briefing are at TAB E. COL Chiang noted that she sees her role as an integrator. There is a goal to consolidate and reduce the number of platforms. This is a top down process, gets guidance from "leadership" and gets requirements also. Notes that capabilities (one-call capability example) really come from leadership, but requirements come from users. The organization structure was explained based on slide 2, Military Health System Information Management. Recommended Melissa Cook's book, " Building Information Models." Noted the much of this is providing tools and that as in cooking, buying someone a Wok does not make them a good Chinese cook. Goal is to get to the point of providing knowledge. The MHS Optimization Plan is the beacon that guides through the IM/IT world for the MHS. There was agreement to leverage the work between COSCOM and the Center and School with COL Chiang's office. Noted that LTC Bill Lang is the conduit for Army requirements to COL Chiang's office. There was agreement that COL Chiang would share her central requirements database. Note that there is an effort on-going to clean up this database to reflect functional only requirement, i.e. eliminating technical requirements. This is in part an effort to stop requirement creep. There are now 36 business processes. On the slide "Requirements and Configuration Management Process" the filtering is done by contractors who do not have authority to eliminate a requirement. These

contractors have had to bring some issues, like policy items, back to COL Chiang for guidance.

- 2) Issue: No issues, however there are opportunities to create centergy between AMEDD and COL Chiang's office.
- 3) Actions: LTC Jeremy Olson in COL Deffer's office was offered to be the conduit for discussion of the medical operations architecture development/interface needs between GCSSA and OSD. The purpose of the work is to leverage OSD actions in this important area.

D. DoD Medical Healthcare System – Information Technology (CAPT Tibbitts, Program Executive Officer (PEO) for MHS IT).

- 1) Summary: Slides for this presentation are at TAB F (53 slides). On slide MHS IM/IT Performance Management the question of relationship to PE STAMIS. There is a relationship via TMIP and GCCS. CAPT Tibbitts agreed to help structure the slides for the next TI GOSC which Mr. Reardon will attend. It was unclear as to how the issue from the Rock Drill on connection of the Theater to the MHS database is working. CAPT Tibbitts also agreed that he and his staff are willing to participate in the discussion between COL Chiang's office and the AMEDD on the discussion of medical operations architecture (Issue and Action from topic above, COL Chiang's presentation).
- 2) Issues: No issues. There is an opportunity for CAPT Tibbitts to help structure the presentation to the TI GOSC in February.
- 3) Actions: COL Nolan will coordinate with CAPT Tibbitts.

E. Global Combat Service Support – Army, JAD (LTC Driver)

- 1) Summary: Slides in the briefing book at TAB J had been updated between the time of printing and distribution. The actual slides used in the briefing will be distributed electronically as soon as received. CPT Swofford was the briefing officer. It was noted that there is a "middle ware" that mitigates the problems of have legacy systems on the battle field which allows linkage between new and legacy systems. It was stressed that the AMEDD is on track to identify requirements and connect to the GCSS-A. The AMEDD is ready.
- 2) Issues: There is a significant problem with interface. There is a UFR to pay for the systems interface. The problem is money and who pays. It was noted that beyond the UFR requirement, that it is likely additional future funds will be required since major components of the Army system have not been developed. The question of priority was also left unanswered. The AMEDD's position is that it is ready to be integrated. It became clear that a mutual understanding of this problem does not exist.

- 3) Actions: COL Deffer will coordinate the effort to clarify the problem. All responsible parties will be involved – combat developer, system architect, LTC Driver, GCRI, MC4 (LTC Crowther), etc.
- F. Corps Theater ADP Service Center II (CTASC II) Update (LTC Crowther)
- 1) Summary: Briefing slides are at TAB K. Following presentation, COL Kassane presented his concern for MEDLOG unit readiness. Recommend that an initial acquisition strategy be developed ASAP for high-risk deployable units. USAMISSA will direct a laydown by TAMMIS (soon).
 - 2) Issues: Migration of TAMMIS.
Overall investment strategy for TAMMIS.
 - 3) Actions: A meeting of COL Deffer and DCDD will occur as soon as there is a laydown of TAMMIS. It was agreed that a decision will be made following this laydown. This will be a topic at the TI GOSC.
- G. Administrative Note: This meeting included VTC and telephonic participants for numerous sites to include several homes in the Washington D.C. area. A major snow storm presented several problems for participants in Washington D.C. and the Fort Detrick area. In fact the Fort Detrick post was closed during the meeting. These conditions caused an early, termination of the meeting and the following topic where not presented:
1. Technology Watch (COLs Hassell, Glenn & Tiernan)
 2. Rock Drill Update (COL Maschek)
 3. Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) (LTC Crowther)
 4. DOTLMS Plus (COL Maschek)
- Participants are asked to review the briefing slides associated with these items and provide comments.
- H. Schedule/Agenda for next TI-GOSC & ATWG (COL Nolan)
Schedule is for 14 February 2000. A draft agenda is at enclosure 3.
- I. Schedule for the next ATWG: There will be continued interaction of members across different forums. The next meeting will be announced following the TI GOSC.
- J. COL Nolan closed the meeting at 1504 hours. This meeting was terminated early due to safety concerns associated with the ability of personnel on the East Coast to travel from their sites (major snow storm). COL Nolan noted that he was pleased with the progress of the ATWG. Those briefings which were not given should be reviewed (briefing packages presented in notebook) by all participants.

Enclosure 1 – Attendance Roster

Enclosure 2 - Recommended Charter Changes
Enclosure 3 - TI GOSC Agenda